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REMARKS

With this amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 24, 29, and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended claims 14-16, 25-27, 32-34, 37-39, 43, and 45. As a result, claims 1, 3-22, 25-28, 30-39, 43, and 45-46 are pending for examination with claims 1, 16, 27, 34, 37, 43, and 45 being independent claims.

Initially, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Yang for the courtesies extended in the telephone interview on January 6, 2006. In the brief discussion on January 6, regarding the rejections under § 1023, Examiner Yang cited newly found art as U.S. Patent No. 6,549,200 to Mortlock. In view of the new art, Examiner Yang indicated that only claims 1 and 3-15 would be allowable. Thus, Examiner Yang suggested amending independent claims 16, 27, 34, 37, 43, and 45 to include limitations directed to oblique parallel projections and morphings or manual renderings. Although Applicant believes that the claims as previously pending are patentable over the cited art, Applicant has canceled claims 24, 29, and 44 and amended claims 14-16, 25-27, 32-34, 37-39, 43, and 45 as suggested by the Examiner solely to further prosecution of the pending application. Thus, Applicant believes that the claims as currently amended are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in

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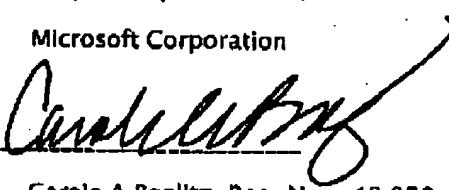
condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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